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PATENTIn re Application of: Wang *et al.*

Application No. 09/733,507

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For: CYCLIN-DEPENDENT KINASE INHIBITORS
AS PLANT GROWTH REGULATORS

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 10, 2002, with respect to the above-referenced application. The period of time for responding to the Office Action was set to expire on December 10, 2003. Applicants petition herewith for a three month extension of time, making a response due by March 10, 2003.

Applicants have considered each of the rejections raised and offer the following amendment and remarks in response. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (Reiterated) A method of modifying development of a plant comprising transforming a plant cell with a nucleic acid encoding a plant cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor polypeptide to produce a transformed plant cell; and, growing the transformed plant cell or progeny of the transformed plant cell to produce a transformed plant under conditions wherein the plant cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor polypeptide is expressed in a proliferative tissue of the transformed plant to inhibit development of a differentiated tissue in the plant.

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